

~Breaking Barriers~

"Breaking Barriers: We've Only Just Begun"

Mark Your Calendar and plan to attend the annual People First of Missouri Conference.

This year's conference will be held April 15-17, 2005 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO.

For more conference information, please contact: Linda Carlile at: 816-235-6380 or 800-558-8652

****Disability Rights Legislative Day 2005****

Disability Rights Legislative Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 27, 2005** at the MO State Capitol in Jefferson City.

Attend workshops and visit with your legislator on issues related to disabilities. For additional information, please call: 1-800-558-8652

MOAIDD – Missouri Alliance for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Volunteer Training

Are you interested in becoming a MOAIDD Volunteer? Volunteer Trainings are currently scheduled in various locations throughout the state. Volunteers are required to:

- be a person with a developmental disability or be a family member of a person with a developmental disability;
- complete a MOAIDD volunteer application;
 - must be at least 18-years-old;
 - pass a background check;
- agree to participate in at least 2 MOAIDD visits per year; and
 - complete MOAIDD Volunteer training.

Trainings are scheduled at:

Portageville, MO – March 22, 2005

Kansas City Regional Center – April 2, 2005

St. Louis Regional Center – April 6, 2005

West Plains DFS – April 7, 2005

Joplin (TBA) – May 10, 2005

For more information, please contact:

Teri Wondra – Southern Coordinator: 1-800-497-4647

Tequias Bass – East Coordinator: 1-800-358-7665

Lauren Fennessey – NW Coordinator: 1-800-454-2331

For more information about MOAIDD, please visit:

<http://www.dmh.mo.gov/mrdd/moaid/>

AAMR Mini Conference Dual Diagnosis-DD and Mental Illness

The Missouri Chapter of AAMR is hosting a mini conference on

Dual Diagnosis. This mini conference will be held on April 15, 2005 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Columbia, MO.

Registration fee includes materials and lunch.

\$30.00 for family members/consumers
\$40.00 for professionals

For more information or to register for the mini conference, please contact:

Sherrie Hanks at: 1-800-500-7878

or Dolores Hampton at: 1-660-626-1230

~SUMMER CAMPS~

Summer is right around the corner and it is time to begin thinking about summer camp opportunities. There are several camps located throughout Missouri which are geared toward people with disabilities.

Some of those camps include:

Wonderland Camp in Rocky Mount, MO (Lake of the Ozarks area). Applications are currently available and being accepted. If you are interested in attending Wonderland Camp, being a camp counselor or would like to donate to the camp, please visit their website at:

<http://www.wonderlandcamp.org/> or
call 1-573-392-1000.

Camp Barnabas located near Purdy, MO, is a non-denominational summer camp for children with special needs. For more information, please visit: <http://www.campbarnabas.org/> or call 417-476-2656. Camp Barnabas also supports sibling participation.

Sunnyhill Adventures located in Dittmer, MO, offers a year-round program for youth and adults with disabilities. For more information, please visit their website at:

<http://www.sunnyhilladventures.org/index.htm>
or call 636-274-9044.

"Better to do something imperfectly than to do nothing flawlessly." – Robert H. Schuller

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